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## Mid-January Prices Received by Farmers

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of January showed increases for feed barley, wheat, beef cattle, cows, steers and heifers, calves, and all milk. Prices decreased for alfalfa hay, all barley, and potatoes.

The price of dry beans was unchanged.

The All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in January was 96 based on 1990-92= 100, down 2 points from December. Higher prices for cattle, tomatoes, milk, and strawberries, were partially offset by lower prices for eggs, cotton, hogs, and soybeans.

### Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, Jan.2000-Jan. 2001

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			United States			
		January 2000	December 2000	January 2001 <sup>1/</sup>	January 2000	December 2000	January 2001	
							Price <sup>1/</sup>	% Parity
<b>CROPS:</b>								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	88.00	100.00	88.00	76.00	91.00	91.30	--
Barley, All	Bu.	2.23	2.62	2.44	2.04	2.19	2.09	32
Feed	Bu.	1.87	1.88	1.90	1.63	1.70	1.85	--
Malting	Bu.	10/	10/	10/	2.40	2.43	2.32	--
Dry Beans	Cwt.	14.90	17.00	17.00	15.80	14.40	14.70	33
Potatoes <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt.	4.95	3.75	3.55	5.91	4.61	4.53	43
Fresh <sup>3/</sup>	Cwt.	5.00	2.40	--	6.86	4.08	--	--
Processing	Cwt.	5.00	4.90	--	5.26	5.03	--	--
Wheat, All	Bu.	2.69	2.70	2.77	2.51	2.87	2.88	26
<b>LIVESTOCK &amp; PRODUCTS:</b>								
Beef Cattle <sup>4/</sup>	Cwt.	63.00	64.60	68.90	67.80	71.90	74.60	48
Cows <sup>5/</sup>	Cwt.	35.00	34.90	38.70	35.90	36.50	38.40	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	73.20	76.10	80.10	71.60	76.80	79.30	--
Calves	Cwt.	91.00	98.00	102.00	102.00	106.00	108.00	52
Lambs	Cwt.	67.00	69.00	--	70.90	71.80	--	--
Milk, All <sup>6/</sup>	Cwt.	10.60	10.90	11.10	12.00	13.10	7/13.50	8/42
Fluid Grade <sup>9/</sup>	Cwt.	10.60	10.90	--	12.00	13.10	7/13.50	--
Mfg. Grade	Cwt.	10.60	10.20	--	10.70	10.80	7/10.90	--

1/ Mid-Month. 2/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed. 3/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices. 4/ "Cows" and "steers & heifers" combined. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 6/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 7/ Fat test percent: all milk 3.80, fluid milk 3.80, mfg. grade 3.94. 8/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price. 9/ Including milk diverted to manufacturing. 10/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

### United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	December 1999	January 2000	December 2000		January 2001 Preliminary
			Preliminary	Revised	
Prices Received	91	91	98	98	96
Prices Paid	117	118	121	122	122
Ratio <sup>1/</sup>	78	77	81	80	79

1/Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.

## Idaho and U.S. Cattle Inventory

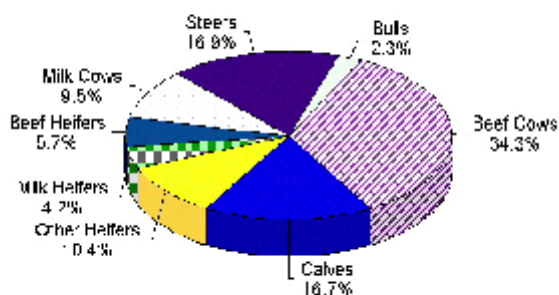
Idaho cattle and calf inventory totaled 1.97 million head as of January 1, 2001. This was up 1 percent from the 1.95 million head in the State on January 1, 2000. There were 496,000 beef cows, up 2 percent and 354,000 milk cows, up 7 percent, on hand at the beginning of the year. The number of beef replacement heifers, at 105,000, was up 5 percent and heifers for milk cow replacement, at 160,000 head, were unchanged from last year. Statewide, there were 380,000 steers over 500 pounds, 40,000 bulls over 500 pounds and 240,000 calves under 500 pounds on January 1. The 2000 calf crop totaled 840,000 head, 40,000 more than the calf crop of 1999.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2001, totaled 97.3 million head, 1 percent below the 98.2 million on January 1, 2000 and 2 percent below the 99.1 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.6 million, were slightly below the 42.8 million on January 1, 2000 and 1 percent below the 42.9 million two years ago. Beef cows, at 33.4 million, were down 1 percent from both of the last two years. Milk cows, at 9.20 million, were up slightly from January 1, 2000 and 1 percent above two years ago. All heifers, 500 pounds and over, at 19.8 million, were up 1 percent from a year ago. Beef replacement heifers, at 5.59 million head, were up

2 percent from last year and milk replacement heifers, at 4.05 million head, were up 1 percent. Steers weighing over 500 pounds totaled 16.4 million, down 1 percent from a year ago. The 2000 calf crop, estimated at 38.6 million head, was down slightly from both 1999 and 1998.

**U.S. CATTLE AND CALVES BY CLASS**  
January 1, 2001



Percent may not add due to rounding.  
IDAHO AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE

*Cattle Inventory, January 1, 2000 - 2001*

State	All Cattle & Calves			All Cows That Have Calved			Calf Crop			Operations With Cattle	
	2000	2001	2001 As % of 2000	2000	2001	2001 As % of 2000	1999	2000	2000 As % of 1999	1999	2000
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	
Arizona	840	850	101	335	335	100	280	275	98	3,200	3,100
California	5,100	5,150	101	2,280	2,340	103	1,950	1,980	102	23,000	22,000
Colorado	3,150	3,150	100	920	930	101	870	880	101	15,000	15,300
<b>IDAHO</b>	<b>1,950</b>	<b>1,970</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>12,000</b>
Montana	2,600	2,550	98	1,600	1,550	97	1,570	1,620	103	14,100	14,400
Nevada	520	520	100	265	275	104	230	230	100	1,700	1,700
New Mexico	1,640	1,580	96	800	810	101	630	630	100	8,700	8,600
Oregon	1,450	1,360	94	740	680	92	680	640	94	16,900	16,900
Texas	13,900	13,700	99	5,780	5,810	101	5,150	5,100	99	153,000	152,000
Utah	910	910	100	450	450	100	390	400	103	7,900	8,000
Washington	1,210	1,180	98	550	515	94	500	480	96	15,000	15,000
Wyoming	1,580	1,550	98	830	830	100	830	820	99	6,300	6,400
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>98,198.0</b>	<b>97,308.5</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>42,758.8</b>	<b>42,603.1</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>38,796.4</b>	<b>38,620.6</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,096,550</b>	<b>1,075,860</b>

## Idaho Milk Production Up 7.3 Percent

Idaho milk production during January 2001 totaled 616 million pounds, a 7.3 percent increase from the same month last year. January 2001 production increased 0.7 percent from December 2000. Revised production for December 2000 totaled 612 million pounds, up 6.8 percent from December 1999. Average milk production per cow in January 2001 was 1,740 pounds, 10 pounds more than the production per cow during both January 2000 and December 2000. The average number of milk cows in January was 354,000 head, 22,000 more than in January 2000, but unchanged from December 2000.

Nationally, January milk production in the 20 major States totaled 12.1 billion pounds, down 1.5 percent from production in these same States in January 2000. December revised production, at 11.9 billion pounds, was down 0.7 percent from December 1999. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,550 pounds for January, 29 pounds below January 2000. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.79 million head, 27,000 head more than January 2000, but 12,000 head less than December 2000.

## Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, January 2000-2001

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		2001 As Percent of 2000
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		
Arizona	137	140	1,925	1,795	264	251	95
California	1,492	1,562	1,815	1,760	2,708	2,749	102
Florida	156	155	1,450	1,415	226	219	97
<b>IDAHO</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>1,730</b>	<b>1,740</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>107</b>
Illinois	120	118	1,500	1,470	180	173	96
Indiana	139	151	1,400	1,395	195	211	108
Iowa	215	215	1,555	1,525	334	328	98
Kentucky	130	130	1,155	1,115	150	145	97
Michigan	298	301	1,590	1,585	474	477	101
Minnesota	540	520	1,545	1,530	834	796	95
Missouri	158	149	1,240	1,150	196	171	87
New Mexico	237	261	1,780	1,680	422	438	104
New York	700	670	1,450	1,430	1,015	958	94
Ohio	259	264	1,470	1,400	381	370	97
Pennsylvania	617	607	1,520	1,520	938	923	98
Texas	350	343	1,515	1,360	530	466	88
Vermont	160	158	1,485	1,510	238	239	100
Virginia	120	118	1,425	1,365	171	161	94
Washington	246	247	1,900	1,875	467	463	99
Wisconsin	1,358	1,328	1,445	1,445	1,962	1,919	98
<b>20 STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>7,764</b>	<b>7,791</b>	<b>1,579</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>12,259</b>	<b>12,073</b>	<b>98</b>

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

### Idaho Cattle on Feed Up 8 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head on February 1, 2001 totaled 325,000 head, up 8 percent from the February 1, 2000 inventory. The inventory was up 2 percent from the number on hand as of January 1, 2001.

Placements of cattle into State feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head during January totaled 71,000 head, up 5,000 head from January 2000 placements. Marketings during January totaled 65,000 head, down 5,000 head from January 2000 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States from feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head

totalled 11.9 million head on February 1, 2001. The inventory was 3 percent above February 1, 2000 and 14 percent above February 1, 1999. Placements in feedlots during January totaled 2.26 million, 2 percent above 2000 and 17 percent above 1999. Net placements were 2.19 million.

During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 499,000, 600-699 pounds were 716,000, 700-799 pounds were 664,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 384,000. Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 2.04 million, unchanged from 2000 but 1 percent above 1999. Other disappearance totaled 78,000 during January, 13 percent above 2000 and 11 percent above 1999.

### Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots<sup>1/</sup>

Cattle on Feed, Number on Feed, 1,000's Capacity, Headings					
State	February 1, 2000	January 1, 2001	February 1, 2001		
			Number	As % of 2000	As % of January
	---1,000 Head---		---Percent---		
Arizona	275	301	302	110	100
California	415	450	445	107	99
Colorado	1,200	1,210	1,230	103	102
<b>Idaho</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>102</b>
Iowa	385	385	385	100	100
Kansas	2,340	2,400	2,500	107	104
Nebraska	2,370	2,400	2,430	103	101
New Mexico	113	115	116	103	101
Oklahoma	420	410	410	98	100
South Dakota	200	202	205	103	101
Texas	2,900	2,930	2,930	101	100
Washington	211	250	243	115	97
Other States	445	425	420	94	99
<b>United States</b>	<b>11,574</b>	<b>11,798</b>	<b>11,941</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>101</b>

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

## Potato Stocks

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers and processors in Idaho on February 1 totaled 86,500,000 cwt., 10,000,000 cwt. more than on hand February 1, 2000. Disappearance, at 65,820,000 cwt., is up from last year's 56,830,000 cwt. and above 1999's 60,500,000 cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest Counties totaled 6,300,000 cwt., equaling last year's 6,300,000 cwt. The Other Counties' stocks, at 80,200,000 cwt., was 10,000,000 cwt. above the amount stored on February 1, 2000.

In the 15 fall storage states February 1, 2001 potato stocks totaled a record high 235 million cwt., up 13 percent from last year and 4 percent above the previous record set in February 1997. Potatoes in storage accounted for 51 percent of the fall storage States' production, up 2 percentage points from a year ago. Disappearance from the start of harvest to February 1 was a record high 227 million cwt. This disappearance was up 6 percent from last year and 4 percent above the previous record set during the 1996 season.

### *Fall Potatoes: Production & Stocks 1995-2000 Idaho & 15 Fall States*

CROP YEAR	Production	Total Stocks						
		Dec 1	Following Year					
			Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	May 1	Jun <sup>1/</sup>
IDAHO	1,000 Cwt.							
1995	132,657	96,000	85,000	73,500	62,500	49,500	36,000	
1996	142,800	102,000	92,000	82,000	70,000	56,000	41,000	
1997	140,314	102,000	91,500	81,000	69,500	56,000	41,500	
1998	138,000	99,500	89,000	77,500	66,000	52,000	37,000	23,000
1999	133,330	96,000	86,000	76,500	65,000	50,000	36,000	21,000
2000	152,320	110,500	100,000	86,500				
15 STATES								
1995	394,785	256,710	223,550	189,360	156,020	115,855	75,870	
1996	443,704	295,100	261,320	226,080	189,210	147,635	103,210	
1997	413,513	278,830	246,550	212,562	175,870	134,190	92,840	
1998	423,170	280,910	246,230	209,640	173,650	131,220	87,895	50,270
1999	420,567	275,100	239,910	207,150	169,620	128,410	86,915	47,220
2000	461,827	309,520	272,960	235,050				

1/ Stocks not available prior to 1998.

## U.S. Dairy Products December 2000 Highlights

**Butter** production was 116 million pounds in December, 3.3 percent below December 1999 but 10.2 percent above November 2000.

**American type cheese** production totaled 299 million pounds, 3.3 percent below December 1999 but 5.5 percent above November 2000.

**Total cheese** output (excluding cottage cheese) was 690 million pounds, 2.2 percent below December 1999 but 2.7 percent above November 2000.

**Cream cottage cheese** production was 28.1 million pounds, 3.4 percent above December 1999 but 5.3 percent below November 2000.

**Lowfat cottage cheese** production was 26.1 million pounds, 1.5 percent below December 1999 and 7.9 percent below November 2000.

**Frozen dessert:** (comparisons with December 1999)

Ice cream, Regular (hard) -- 53.8 million gallons, down 5.7 percent.

Ice cream, Lowfat (total) -- 22.7 million gallons, down 8.4 percent.

Ice cream, Nonfat (hard) -- 2.26 million gallons, down 2.5 percent.

Sherbet (hard) -- 3.15 million gallons, up 5.1 percent.

Frozen Yogurt (total) -- 5.83 million gallons, up 2.9 percent.

**Dry milk products:** (comparisons with December 1999)

Nonfat dry milk for human food --- 119 million pounds, down 5.6 percent.

Dry whole milk --- 6.51 million pounds, down 28.4 percent.

Dry buttermilk --- 4.67 million pounds, down 0.5 percent.